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Dear Co-Chair Kennedy, Co-Chair Miner, Co-Chair Demicco, Vice Chair Flexer, Vice Chair Gresko, Vice Chair Somer, Ranking Member Harding, and Honorable Members of the Environment Committee:

I am writing to express my opinion on the following pieces of pending legislation and ask your support;

Please oppose SB 522 which would allow bear hunting . I strongly oppose this bill and feel many more humane means exist to address any issues with nuisance bears which are very small in number.

Please oppose HB 5499 which would expand Sunday hunting. I enjoy walking in the woods on Sundays. This bill will prevent me from safely walking in the woods on Sundays during hunting season.

Please support HB 6335 which would ban ivory sales. This bill will help eliminate the market for these products and directly help to eliminate poaching of elephants and rhinos and associated issues. Supprizing to many money from poaching has been used to fund local terror cells.

Please support with Amendments SB 942 which will strengthen Cecil's law and anti trophy hunting. This bill with strengthen existing laws to protect the most majestic of the "African Big Five" .

Please support HB 6334 which will require registration for all brick and mortar animal shelters to ensure basic minimum standards are followed at animal shelters.

Please consider bringing up HB 5615 for a public hearing which will grant local municipalities control over trapping in their communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

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